
Announcements

May 7–11, 2011**AATS 91st Annual Meeting**Pennsylvania Convention Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**May 26, 2011****AATS/ASCVTS Postgraduate Course***Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa
Phuket, Thailand

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2011 Mitral Conclave**May 5-6, 2011****Sheraton Hotel and Towers**
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The 2011 MITRAL CONCLAVE will bring the world's leading figures in mitral valve disease together for two days to discuss the latest information regarding management guidelines, imaging, pathology, minimally invasive approaches, percutaneous approaches, surgical techniques, devices, and long term results. Faculty presentations of the latest available data, techniques, and state of the art reviews will be supplemented by abstract and video presentations selected by the program committee from submitted original work. Selected manuscripts from accepted presentations will be considered for publication in a supplement to *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*.

Call for Abstracts and Videos

On behalf of the Program Committee, we invite you to submit your abstract and video for consideration to the 2011 MITRAL CONCLAVE. Authors submitting abstracts and videos for 2011 MITRAL CONCLAVE must use **electronic submission ONLY**. Abstracts are limited to **400** words. You may use ONE image **OR** ONE table within your abstract which will NOT deduct from the word count.

Accepting Abstracts and Videos in the following categories:

- Degenerative Valve Disease
- Mitral Regurgitation in Heart Failure
- Novel Repair Techniques
- Other Mitral Valve Disease
- Outcomes Following Mitral Valve Surgery
- Tricuspid Valve Disease

VIDEO SUBMISSIONS

All video submissions must be accompanied by an abstract with a maximum of **400** words submitted via the abstract submission site. Two copies of the video must be mailed to the Association offices by the January 7 deadline and may not exceed **5 minutes** in length. Complete submission guidelines can be found online at www.aats.org/mitral.

Log on to the 2011 MITRAL CONCLAVE Web site at www.aats.org/mitral and select the Abstract and Video Submission Link. Specific instructions for abstract and video submissions are located on the Web site, including how to submit images or tables.

Abstracts and Videos must be received by Friday, January 7, 2011, by 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time.

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*.

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association**Applications for Membership**

The WTSA Application for Membership is now online and must be submitted electronically. A candidate's electronic membership application must be completed online by March 1, 2011, and all support letters uploaded by the candidate's three sponsors by March 31, 2011, in order for the candidate to be considered for membership at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

WTSA 37th Annual Meeting Call for Abstracts

The WTSA is now accepting abstracts for the 37th Annual Meeting to be held at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado, from June 22–25, 2011. All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the official abstract submission Web site by the deadline of Sunday, January 9, 2011, at 10:00 PM PST. Visit the WTSA Web site at www.westernthoracic.org to read author instructions and submit abstracts.